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June 6, 2007

TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Philip L. Browning, Director

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (THAP)+14 POLICY CHANGE

This is to advise your Board of our plans regarding a policy change for the Temporary Homeless Assistance Program effective June 15, 2007, and to be continued through Fiscal Year (FY) 07-08.

The Temporary Homeless Assistance Program (THAP)+14 provides an additional 14 days of temporary shelter payments for homeless CalWORKs families to remain housed in motels/hotels or paid emergency shelters while they are looking for permanent housing.

On December 19, 2006, your Board was advised that effective January 1, 2007, the THAP+14 was limited to families who were active or agreed to participate in Welfare-to-Work activities or post time-limited services and were working or agreed to be referred to the Housing Locator Program. This policy change was due to funding for the THAP+14 being depleted prior to the end of FY 06-07. Effective April 9, 2007, the THAP+14 program was suspended due to its impact on the referrals to the Housing Locators.

Effective June 15, 2007, the suspension of the THAP+14 will be rescinded. However, the program will be limited to families enrolled and participating in the Homeless CalWORKs Families Project (HCFP) at the time they apply for the THAP+14. Limiting these benefits to families in the HCFP (a maximum of 350 families at any given time) will guarantee sufficient funding to maintain the program throughout the entire FY 07-08.

We will keep your Board informed of any changes that will impact the THAP+14 Program in FY 07-08.

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c: Chief Administrative Office
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